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FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: Critique of SEA Seminar

In my opinion, the Southeast Asia seminar was too general to be of much assistance to serious students of that area. Much of the information imparted was of a stereotyped text-book nature which failed to add greatly to knowledge already in the students' possession. [Redacted] was a marked exception to this point of criticism. He drew freely from his vast personal knowledge of Southeast Asia, and his lectures were accordingly both rewarding and enjoyable.

In the event of future seminars or courses, I feel it would be profitable to brief prospective class members as to the level of training contemplated. In that way, individuals could judge fairly whether or not a particular course would benefit them.

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